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RED CROSS DRIVE
TO CONTINUE ALL
CHRISTMAS WEEK

Rain and Snow Have Prevented Committees in County From Making Canvass for Members and T. H. Shive Urges Individuals to Mail Him Membership Checks.

The Red Cross drive in Wilbarger county will continue all this week, according to T. H. Shive, county chairman. It was intended to conclude the drive Monday night, but rain last week and the snow yesterday made it impossible for committees to canvass their districts, so that the Christmas membership campaign will continue until Saturday night.

About 2,000 have taken a Christmas membership in the Red Cross in this county, according to reports with Mr. Shive last night. Fourteen communities outside of Vernon have reported. These are Ronda 28, Elliott 48, Elliott School 8, Highland 59.50, Thompson 41, James 20, West Vernon 51, Brown 3, Union 7, Guggisberg 2, East Vernon 18, Red Bluff 3, Mack 18, Grapevine 12, Mrs. Bertha Ross, secretary of the local auxiliary has turned in ten memberships, and various individuals in Vernon have turned in 157.

Committees in Vernon have turned in 767 memberships, divided among the four districts as follows: Southwest Vernon—W. O. Anderson, Rev. L. A. Foster, and Mrs. J. T. Abbott, 169; Southeast Vernon—Rev. H. E. Stubbs, T. R. Easterling, E. M. Rogers, and Mrs. C. V. King, 94; Northeast Vernon—P. P. Peck, S. W. Bailey, J. P. King, J. A. Puckett, J. B. Morris, and E. A. Sayre, 260; Northwest Vernon—J. D. Summerour, J. N. Napier, and J. M. Bartow, 236.

Special committees working in Vernon Saturday secured 113 members. Four of these were at the banks in Vernon. Misses Helen Hatt and Charlie Mae Norcraft, at the Farmers State Bank, secured 8; Misses Minnie King, Faye Greener, and Ruth Batchelor, at the First Guaranty State Bank, secured 15; Misses Harriet Shive and Frances Hicks, at the Herring National Bank, secured 32; and Misses Ruth Hawkins, Mary Anderson, and Juanita Youngblood, at the Waggoner National Bank, secured 42. Mrs. S. W. Bailey and C. L. Greene secured 16 members.

Mr. Shive feels that it will be impossible for the committees to see every one, and for that reason he is urging that individuals hunt up their committees. Falling in that, he urges individuals to mail him their checks for \$1, or for more, the excess to count on memberships for those who are unable to pay \$1 for a membership.

"This is our Christmas gift to an organization that has not only stood closest to our boys on the firing line, and in the hospitals of France, but has taken care of our needy here at home," Mr. Shive says. "Wilbarger county must make a creditable showing. To do less would disgrace us forever in the eyes of our boys who have gone overseas to fight for us, and in the eyes of our friends here at home. I make this appeal to individuals to deny themselves something and join the Red Cross as their Christmas present to our boys in France."

MRS. W. M. FULLER DEAD.

Wife of Farmer Living One Mile West of Town Succumbs to Influenza and Pneumonia.

Funeral services of Mrs. W. M. Fuller were conducted at 9 o'clock Friday morning at the family residence one mile west of town by Rev. L. A. Foster. The remains were interred in the Bell Cemetery at Odell. Death was the result of influenza and pneumonia. Deceased was 25 years of age and is survived by her husband and two children. Friends will unite in sympathy for her bereaved relatives.

T. O. Miller Government Inspector.

Paul Umbach, Jr., who recently left for New Orleans to take charge of government work there, is succeeded in his place here as government inspector of the new Federal building by T. O. Miller. Mr. Miller has been connected with government construction work for 25 years. It is his purpose to bend every energy to hasten the completion of the building in Vernon.

ROUTE 4 BOY FIRST
IN GRAIN CONTEST
GROWING HAGERIA

Walter Kahl Wins With 70 Bushels Produced on One Acre. John Gilchrist of Route 2 Second, and Curtis Stone of Harold Third Among Seven Boys Entering Contest.

Walter Kahl, who lives on Route 4 out of Vernon, won first prize among members of the boys' clubs in Wilbarger county for growing grain hageria. His crop was hageria, and the yield was seventy bushels on an acre of ground.

The cost, according to Walter's figures, was \$13.40. While the land was his own, the Government fixes a price of \$5 to be charged as rent, so that all boys will be on the same basis. Other items of expense incurred by the winner were \$1.50 for seed, \$1 cost of planting, \$2 for manure, 60c for fertilizer, \$1.40 for cultivation, and \$1.40 for gathering the crop.

The hour charge for cultivation and gathering is fixed by the Government, so that all competitors in the United States may be on the same terms. The charge is 10 cents an hour, which is too low, even for boys, on the present wage scale. Walter reports the total value of his crop at present market prices \$145, which is a striking tribute to the value of intensive cultivation and the use of fertilizer, even during the driest year the county has passed through in twenty-five years.

Walter worked one acre of good sandy land, "Cotton" Walter says in the history of his crop. "Cotton was grown on this land last year, and it has been farmed about fifteen years. The soil was plowed in April and listed twice. Seed was planted May 11, the rows being 4 feet, 6 inches apart; and the plants about 7 inches apart in the row. The crop was cultivated with a go-devil May 26, and with a cultivator June 8 and 24. Fertilizer was applied to the soil in February.

Walter is 15 years old, and has lived on the farm all his life.

John Gilchrist Is Second.

John Gilchrist, on Route 2, Vernon, harvested 40 bushels of maize at a cost of \$7.40 for the acre. He figures his crop worth \$90. His ground was listed May 11, and seeded June 16. He cultivated it twice in July, with a go-devil and a sweep, and weeded over it with a hoe July 20.

Curtis Stone of Harold produced 31 bushels of feterita, and also sold 450 bushels at 10 cents each. His total income was \$85.00, and the cost of production was \$7.85. The record is remarkable when it is considered that Harold is in perhaps the driest part of the county, and most crops were a total failure.

Curtis cultivated red sandy land with clay subsoil. It was planted to wheat but made nothing. He planted April 15 and June 15, placing the rows forty inches apart. The crop was harvested once, plowed once with a go-devil and hoed once. Before planting it had been listed March 1 and April 15. He believes that the drought cut the yield at least 50 per cent.

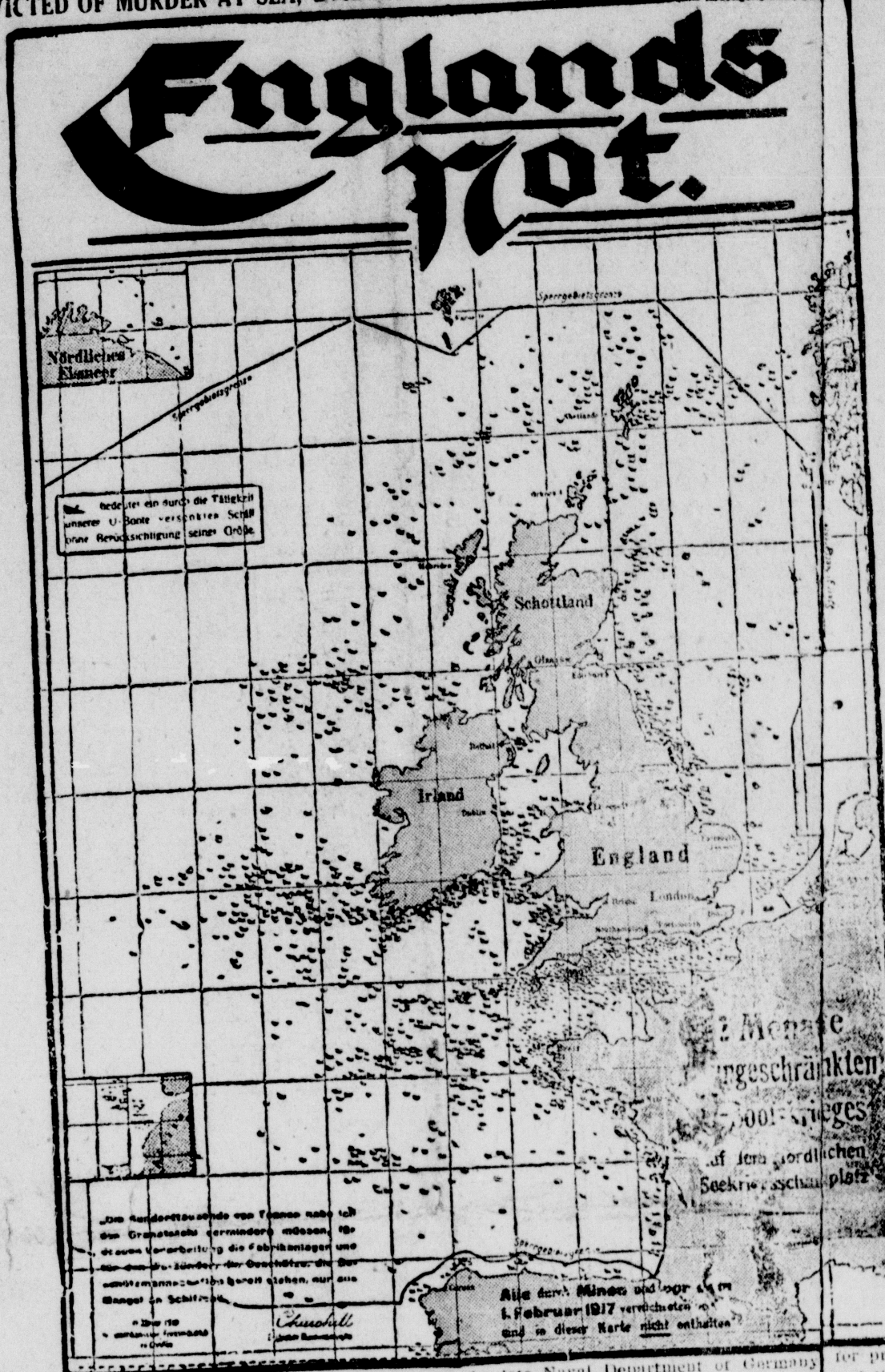
Other contestants were James Hughes, who produced twenty-five bushels of feterita at a cost of \$7.50; Earl January, who grew twenty-one bushels of maize at a cost of \$11.04; Guy Virgil Smith, who harvested twenty-five and one-half bushels of maize at a cost of \$8.40, and Ennis Hughes who grew twenty-four bushels of maize at a cost of \$7.50.

J. L. PHILLIPS DIES.

Local Plumber Victim of Influenza and Pneumonia—Is Survived by Wife and Two Children.

Funeral services of J. L. Phillips were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the family residence on East Peace street by Rev. J. T. Cabe. Death was the result of influenza followed by pneumonia. Mr. Phillips had been sick about two weeks. The remains were interred in East View Cemetery.

Deceased was 40 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children, a boy and a girl. He was a plumber by trade and has been employed for some time at the Hampton Metal & Plumbing Company. His many friends will join in sympathy for the bereaved wife and children.



The little specks in this German map (issued by the late Naval Department of Germany for propaganda purposes) signify the ships which the Germans themselves say they have sunk around the English Islands, as the result of one year's unrestricted U-boat warfare. The document constitutes a confession of Germany's guilt. It is headed "England's Plight." The zigzag line drawn from the North Sea to the Channel is marked "Blockade Limits." Near the top left hand corner we read:—"Ships thus indicated are those sunk by our U-boats without regard to their size." The hand corner is printed this quotation, signed "Churchill":—"It is entirely for lack of ships that the German fleet is unable to make good its claims." "Twelve months of unrestricted submarine warfare are all waiting." In right hand corner (large type):—"No ship destroyed by a German U-boat crew is ever lost." Finally, at the foot of the map:—"No ship destroyed by a German U-boat crew is ever lost." England's delegates to the Peace Conference will find this map a most interesting document.

MANY SHOPPERS
BUY USEFUL GIFTS

MERCHANTS SAY VERY LITTLE MONEY SPENT ON CHEAP PRESENTS.

That the holiday shoppers of 1918 have turned their attention to the purchase of Christmas presents that are useful more than ever before seems to be the consensus of opinion among the business men of the city. A canvass of the merchants by a Record representative reveals the fact that business on the whole compares favorably with previous years. In fact, nearly all of them say that their business has been as good as it was last year, despite the fact that another year of drought has been added to economic depression. Some say that business is better than last year. But the outstanding feature of the Christmas shopping this year is that, although practically the same amount of money has been spent, very little of it has gone for articles that would not be of service. The merchants in their advertising have encouraged this policy and the "useful gifts" buying may be attributed largely to their efforts.

It seems that the most popular places for holiday shoppers this year have been the dry goods and clothing stores. However, dealers in all lines express themselves as pleased with their holiday business, considering the continued drought and war conditions. Last Saturday was undoubtedly the best day the business men have had. The weather was ideal, following several days of rain and cold, and the stores were crowded with buyers. Shopping yesterday and today has been cut short by the snow and sloppy roads.

ANXIOUS TO MEET
FARM LABOR NEEDS

The Government, through the Employment Service, is making a strenuous effort to provide employment for demobilized soldiers. Special emphasis is being placed on the shortage of farm labor, and in order to get as many of the returning soldiers on the farms as possible, the Employment Service is asking that county farm demonstrators and others make an immediate survey of labor needs in their counties.

N. R. Tisdal, local agent, is anxious to ascertain the needs of Wilbarger farmers. In reporting on the subject it is especially desired that definite information concerning nature of employment, wages and housing accommodations be furnished. The labor problem is going to be most serious on the farms. There will be a surplus in industrial centers owing to the release of thousands of employees from war industries. Unless demobilized soldiers can be directed to the farms the country will have a serious problem to contend with. There will be a shortage of labor on the farms and a surplus in the industrial centers.

TOLBERT MAN GETS
\$298.42 FOR STEER

C. S. SMITH GETS HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID IN FORT WORTH.

C. S. Smith of Tolbert, received \$298.42 for one steer on the Fort Worth market Friday. The animal weighed 1,730 pounds, and was bought in at \$17.25. This is the highest price ever paid for a steer in the Fort Worth market for a long time.

Mr. Smith was urged by representatives of the pack to keep the steer and finish it off for the show. He had intended doing this, but the steer refused to eat shelled corn. Those who saw the animal are confident he would have made a prize winner.

The steer was a Hereford and Short-horn cross, was five years old, and had been raised on alfalfa, maize, and kaffir. Mr. Smith has spent considerable money of good blood to go in his herd, and figures that it is a good investment for any farmer. He thinks most of our beef is going to be produced on small farms hereafter, and that good blood will tell more than ever in the profit column.

The well known Scofield bull that held state championship for a long time is owned by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith returned from Fort Worth Saturday. Moving back to Harold County. J. H. Hayes was in Vernon Saturday, and ordered his Record changed from Sunset to Route 1, Harold. Mr. Hayes moved to Montague county about eight months ago from this county.

HOMESTEAD LAW
PREVENTS LOANS
IN MANY CASES

In Letter to Governor Hobby Secretary of Treasury Calls Attention to Constitutional Provision Which Debars Texas Farmers From Benefits of Farm Loan Law.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—Governor Hobby has been advised by the Secretary of the Treasury that the Federal Farm Loan Board has received numerous messages to the effect that because of the Texas "homestead law," the farmers of Texas owning homes of 200 acres or less, which are clear of encumbrances, are unable to avail themselves of the advantages of the Federal farm loan system. The Secretary wrote that the Farm Loan Board desires that the farmers of Texas shall enjoy the same advantages afforded the farmers of other States, "but it has no desire to urge upon them any change in the organic law, unless they believe it to be for their interest, and of that they are the best and only judges."

Facts showing where a great mass of small home owners in Texas are debarred from participating in the farm loan system are presented to the Governor. It is pointed out that the discrimination arises from no provision in the Federal farm loan act, nor from any ruling or action of the Farm Loan Board or of the Federal Land Bank at Houston. It is due solely to the existence of the constitutional provision known as the "homestead law," (the farmers of Texas are the only ones subject to this discrimination).

The Farm Loan Board has no personal or pecuniary interest in the matter, advised the Secretary of the Treasury, and it is not its purpose to make any attempt to dictate to the people of Texas. "Our only desire is to call your attention to the facts as we see them, and leave the matter entirely to the good judgment of the Legislature and the people of the State."

The communication from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Governor follows:

"From the messages reaching this board from many homeseeking farmers in Texas, and from publications in agricultural journals and elsewhere, we learn that on account of a constitutional provision of the State of Texas, farmers owning homes of 200 acres or less, which are clear of encumbrances, are unable to avail themselves of the advantages of the Federal farm loan scheme. These advantages, as you are aware, include the privilege of borrowing money from the Federal Land Bank of Houston at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent interest, with long and easy terms of repayment, for the purpose of making improvements, and of buying fertilizer, seed, feed, farm implements and equipment, and needed live stock. The farmers of the State of Texas are the only ones subject to this discrimination. The discrimination arises from no provision in the Federal farm loan act, nor from any ruling or action of this board or of the Federal Land Bank of Houston. It is due solely to the existence of the constitutional provision to which I have alluded."

"If this provision has operated to increase the percentage of home owners of the quality and comforts of farm homes in the State of Texas, we can understand why your people would be slow to make any change in the law; but on the other hand, such results have not followed, and the effect is to deny to the farmers of the State the privileges enjoyed by the farmers in all other States, then such limitation would appear to be of doubtful value to your people. We have no information on this subject beyond the report of the last Federal census, showing that there were only six states in the Union in which the percentage of tenant farmers was as large as in the State of Texas, and the further fact that the Federal Land Bank of Houston is debarred from making loans to many meritorious applicants."

"This board has no personal or pecuniary interest in this matter, and nothing is further from our purpose than to make a futile attempt to dictate to the people of Texas what their laws shall be. Our only desire is to call your attention to the facts as we see them."

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EXEMPTION BOARD
COMPLETES WORK
OF DRAFT SERVICE

Chairman Returns to Law Practice and All Records Are in Custody of Clerk—2,949 Men Were Registered for Military Duty, While 426 Registrants Were Inducted.

The local Exemption Board of Wilbarger county has finished its work under the selective service law, with the exception of completing a few records. The Board will continue in existence for the present and can be called to meet for any special business that may come up.

The final session of the Board was held Friday when the arrangement of records was completed. All records are now in the custody of O. K. Storey, clerk, and he is awaiting instructions to send the papers in the case of each registrant to be sent to Washington.

Cecil Storey, chairman, yesterday moved back to his office and will resume the practice of law as a member of the firm of Bonner & Storey. He has devoted practically his entire time to the affairs of the draft service since the Board was organized in July, 1917.

There has been only one change in the personnel of the Board since its organization. Cecil Storey, Dr. B. D. Flankin and Sid Vaughn were first appointed. After several months' service Mr. Vaughn resigned and A. M. Blatt was appointed to succeed him.

In handling the voluminous affairs of the registration and classification of men for military service, the Board has made a splendid record. The Adjutant General has taken opportunity to commend the Board on several occasions for the manner in which the work has been handled. Draft officials, familiar with the work of the boards of the State, say the local Board has one of the best records in the entire state.

In the first registration of the selective service, 1,352 men signed up for military duty in Wilbarger county. Of this number 365 were placed in Class I, 135 in Class II, 30 in III, 585 in IV and 235 were placed in V.

Out of this registration 321 white men and 18 negroes were inducted into some branch of the armed service of the United States. Nine whites and one negro were given limited service. There are eight white and seven negro deserters still unapprehended from the first registration. Several who failed to return questionnaires within the required time or failed to respond to the summons for service were caught and turned over to the military authorities.

The first registration included men between the ages of 21 to 30 years, both inclusive. On June 5th and August 24th, 1918, men who had attained the age of 21 after June 5th, 1917, were registered. There were 131 registrants under these two calls. Class I received 89, nineteen were placed in Class II, and Classes III, IV and V had 8, 11 and 13 men respectively. Seventy-one of these registrants were inducted into the service and there were no deserters. Nine went into limited service.

On September 12th, 1918, men between the ages of 18 and 45, both inclusive, were registered. These were placed in three divisions. Boys, 18 years of age, were placed in one division, and included 131 of the total number of registrants. All but 16 of these were placed in Class I, and four were inducted into the service and admitted to Students' Army Training Corps at different colleges.

The second division included 62 men between the ages of 19 and 35, inclusive. Two hundred nineteen were placed in Class I, 48 in II, 24 in III, 327 in IV and 51 in V. Twelve out of this division were inducted into officers' training schools or the Student Army Training Corps.

831 Class I Men. The third division of the last registration, including men from 37 to 44 had a total of 686 registrants. Fifty-five were given Class I, 52 were in Class II, 3 in Class III, 529 in IV and 19 in V. Eight were not classified when the armistice was signed, a were not required to return their questionnaires.

The total number of registrants the county under all calls was 2,949.

More's Theatre

TODAY—TUESDAY.

BENT LYTELL in "Unexpected Places."

An exciting story of love and adventure. Also funny comedy

WEDNESDAY—PARAMOUNT DAY.

PAULINE FREDERICK

in

"A Daughter of the Old South"

Charming story of a beautiful Creole girl who finds love in a unique manner.

ALSO COMEDY.



THURSDAY—METRO PICTURE CORPORATION

Presents

MAY ALLISON in "The Return of May."

A winsome love story. Also Comedy.

FRIDAY—WALLACE REID in "FIREFLY OF FRANCE."

SATURDAY—FRANKLYN FARNUM in "THE ROUGH LOVER."

At the Theaters

More's.

Today—"Unexpected Places" presented by the Metro Pictures Corp. is a breezy play, full of vim and go and the story is appealing both because it is an adventure of a regular man's sort and because it has a loyal touch where the three Hun spies are worsted in a battle of brain and brawn. The screen favorite, Bert Lytell, is the star. The story is full of thrills and action and the cast which surrounds Mr. Lytell was picked for the ability which each one will fully demonstrate in the play.

Wednesday—"A Daughter of the Old South" Pauline Frederick, the charming Paramount actress, portrays the role of a beautiful Creole girl who finds love in a strange manner and nearly falls victim to a tragedy. Granny wanted to choose a husband for her but the romantic Creole lassie is headstrong and has ideas on the subject herself. Would you poison your sweetheart who breaks his vow? This problem is solved by the versatile actress in this photoplay.

Thursday—"Beautiful May" Allison makes a big hit in the new Metro play, "The Return of May," a winsome love story. For refreshing romance and sparkling humor nothing could surpass this Metro offering. The story of a young girl who was kidnapped and raised in a foreign home is vividly portrayed by Miss Allison as Mary. The scenes of the exclusive girls school are particularly artistic and interesting. The plot is full of dramatic situations and thrilling scenes. The part of Mary is particularly adapted to Miss Allison who plays it in a vivacious and altogether winsome manner.

Pictorium.

Today—"A five-reel Triangle entitled "Station Content." A story of a wife who deserts her husband after the death of her baby because of loneliness, and who after taking a fling at the stage and listening to the brazen offer of a millionaire, returns to her husband.

One of the most thrilling scenes in the play is when the heroine, played by Gloria Swanson, makes a race in a one-man motor car to save a train from a burning trestle. The play is filled with dramatic situations.

SEWELL SENDS SEAPLANE.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sewell in Navy Yard at Philadelphia Makes Miniature Flying Machine.

W. M. Sewell has a seaplane sent home by his son, Lonnie, who is in the United States Navy Yard at Philadelphia. The miniature flying machine is about three feet long from stem to stern, its wings spread over perhaps a little longer distance. It is driven by two propellers, and is artistically painted. The seaplane may be seen in Perkins-Timberlake's window.

Lonnie has made two other seaplanes, selling them.

The seaplane, of which the one sent to Vernon is an exact duplicate, has two liberty motors, four aerial torpedo bombs, mounts four machine guns, and one 6-pound recoil gun. It carries a crew of eight men, the fuel tank has a capacity of 150 gallons, and the flying machine, complete, weighs seven tons.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

In view of my contact and association in the past twelve months with my customers and friends, both business and political, I wish you the substantial blessings of health, happiness, and good crops during Christmas and the coming year.

Let us hope and labor for these blessings.

Sincerely,
N. P. WHITESIDE.

Respectfully,
S. H. HALL, City Sec'y.

Cemetery Notice.

All parties owing for cemetery lots and digging of graves will please call at the office of the City Secretary and settle for same as the Cemetery Association is in need of money. Very respectfully,
S. H. HALL, City Sec'y.

SHIPS PIG FROM MISSISSIPPI.

Vernon Duroc-Jersey Farm Pays \$150 for Hog From Pathfinder Breeding at Weaning Time.

Daniel Bond of the Vernon Duroc-Jersey Hog Farm has bought a weaning pig from Pine Crest Farm, Charleston, Miss., paying \$150 for the animal at weaning time. The pig is of Liberty Bond and Pathfinder breeding.

Charles W. Trig, manager of the Vernon Duroc-Jersey Farm announces that Carrol Nix has bought a pig for his contest in the boys' club this year. Carrol won first last year on a pig bought from the Vernon Duroc-Jersey Farm.

Disinfect Your Mattresses.

Let me disinfect your mattresses the modern way and do away with any chance of catching the flu. I also renovate mattresses, making them like new. 98-212 Phone 124. T. H. PRICE.



TAKE DINNER HERE CHRISTMAS

day or evening. We have prepared a most elaborate menu containing all the delicacies of the season, prepared in our usual perfect manner and served with the same prompt and deft courtesy. You will find this restaurant redolent with the Christmas atmosphere and everything will be done to make your visit enjoyable to the outer as well as the inner man.

WHITE ROSE CAFE

We have on hand a good stock of the real old "Niggerhead" coal, so get while it lasts. Herring-Bennett, 236. 97-212 95-41c

See our line of Identification Leather Card Cases. Corner Drug Store.

At the PICTORIUM THEATRE

TODAY—TUESDAY

GLORIA SWANSON and LEE HILL in "STATION CONTENT."

A story that possesses strong appeal and well done from every angle.

WEDNESDAY.

"THIRTY A WEEK" with TOM MOORE.

A picture worth your while. Also Smiling Bill Parsons comedy.

Merry Christmas to all.

THURSDAY.

GLADYS HULETTE and CRAIGHTON HALE in "THE WAIFS."

Also Comedy.

COMING:

Friday—Alice Brady in "The Whirlpool." Saturday—"Priscilla Dean in "Kiss or Kill."

Now That the War Is Over, Let's Get Down to Business.

Check up your insurance and if you need more protection, call around to the rear of the Waggoner National and get the protection you need.

Yours truly

OLD McCOLLOCH

GENERAL INSURANCE

Fire, Tornado, Hail, Livestock, Automobile, Plate Glass and Bonds.

Our facilities for handling farm property are excellent.

FRANK E. MURCHISON, Agent

Herring Bank Bldg. Office Phone 15. Res. 310

Notice of Economy

Of course the war is over, but on account of the high prices of clothing, it behooves us all to wear our old ones as long as possible, by Cleaning, Pressing, Repairing, Altering, Relining or Dyeing them.

C. REED SMITH

Dry Cleaner and Tailor.

Phone 205

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS?

This is a question that many parents are asking themselves.

Why not give them something worth while? Open a bank account in the little one's own name and put the bank book in his stocking. One dollar will open the account.

P. S.—A bank book is a nice present for the grown up children, too.

The Herring National Bank

C. T. Herring, Pres.
L. E. Johnson, Vice-Pres.
G. C. Morris, Cashier.

JOIN THE RED CROSS.

Christmas Greetings

To Our Many Friends and Patrons

Unable to meet all personally—to clasp each one of you by the hand—to wish you the Season's Greetings, we take this means of saying

MERRY CHRISTMAS

to you, one and all.

McCulvey Grocery Co.



We wish all our friends
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year
Napier Bros. Motor Co.

divided among the two classes as follows:

I. 834; II. 256; III. 70; IV. 1,433; V. 326; unclassified, 8; deserters, 2.

From these figures it will be seen that approximately half of the men were placed in Class IV. Class I, from which men were drafted, accounted for a little more than 28 per cent of the registrants. This is higher than the average for the country.

The Board inducted 426 men into service, or a little more than half of the total number in Class I.

TWO SONS ARE CAPTAINS.

Cicero Albright and Paul A. Albright Have Been Promoted to Captains—Cicero Expected Home Soon.

Paul H. Albright has been promoted to captain according to information received in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Della Albright. This makes two sons of Mrs. Albright who hold rank of captain in the army, as Cicero has had his captaincy for some time.

W. Cicero Albright received his commission as First Lieutenant in the second officers' training camp at Leon Springs. He was promoted to captain and is now stationed at Camp Lee, Va. Paul A. Albright enlisted as a private during the Mexican trouble and his promotion has continued until his recent promotion to a captaincy. Paul went overseas with the 36th Division and is now in command of Company K, 44th Infantry.

Cicero is expected home soon, as he advises that he is expecting an honorable discharge at any time.

W. H. Evans Buys Farm.

The Foster-Nowlin Land Company recently sold their farm, located west of town, near the Hillcrest Country Club, to W. H. Evans. There were 108 acres in the tract and the consideration was \$13,600 cash.

Infant Dies.

The fifteen-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Jangler, living in Oklahoma, was buried in East View Cemetery at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The little one died Sunday from one kind of spinal trouble.

A fresh stock of rubber goods at Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-41c

The Fort Worth Record and The Vernon Record, both one year for \$7.50, subscribe now. This offer holds good for only a short time. 97-212

Miss Etta Mae Rogers arrived this morning from Dallas where she has been attending a school of telegraphy.

We have several choice homes for sale between now and February 1st. These homes are the best in the city. Wisman & Son. 98-21c

Mrs. W. R. Kimberlin of Altus, Okla., will arrive tonight to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Youngblood.

Miss Julia McHugh is spending the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. E. L. McHugh on West Wilbarger street. Miss McHugh has been teaching near Happy, Texas.

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We have on hand a big stock of guns at a price less than the present wholesale price—an appropriate gift. See Sam. Herring-Bennett. Adv. 97-21c

E. A. Culberhouse returned Saturday from Bowie, where he has been since the funeral of Mrs. Culberhouse. Mr. Culberhouse's three children are with their grandparents, and are expected home this afternoon.

HOMESTEAD LAW PREVENTS LOANS IN MANY CASES

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and to have the matter entirely to the good judgment of the Legislature and the people of the State.

Louisiana Changed Law.

"In this connection you will pardon my referring to the fact, that when it was discovered in the State of Louisiana that a statute providing for a widow's dower of \$1,000 superior to any mortgage lien prevented the making of Federal farm loans in that State, the legislature of the State at its next session made the needed change in the law, and the farmers of the State have since been able to avail themselves of the advantages of the Federal farm loan act.

"We trust that there will be no misunderstanding of the spirit in which this communication is sent to you. The operation of a farm loan system has proven very beneficial to farmers, reducing their heaviest burdens, providing them with unusually favorable terms of repayment, and adding to the profit and comfort of country homes. The Farm Loan board desires that the farmers of Texas shall enjoy the same advantages, afforded to the farmers of other States, but it has no desire to urge upon them any change in the organic law unless they believe it to be for their best interest, and of that they are the best and only judges."

Tolbert News.

Tolbert, Dec. 21 (By special correspondence.)—The influenza epidemic is better than a few days, according to reports.

C. S. Rutledge has recovered from an attack of influenza.

Rev. Frank McNair Abilene filled the pulpit Sunday night at the Baptist church. The church held him and he will move his family immediately. The young as well as old folks are delighted with Mr. McNair and are glad to have him move the parsonage and be a neighbor.

The Sunday School as well as attended Sunday and the V. P. U. and Sunbeams are progressing nicely.

Etheridge Dockery returned from the training camp Austin, having received an honorable discharge.

George Upshaw's family all able to be up again after an attack of influenza.

Mrs. B. C. Wood has recovered from an attack of influenza, and has returned to Vernon where she is doing practical nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Braxton held home folks in Farmers Hall Saturday night and Sunday.

Grand Pa and Ma Doss put the home of their son, Will, in Vernon this week.

Our school closed yesterday the Christmas holidays, giving a week vacation.

R. L. Sellers has received letter from his son, Raymond, in France. He is getting along nicely.

The Tolbert gin is on a steady run now.

Will Lawson was in Chillicothe business Saturday.

Tolbert hasn't any doctor and is a good location for some physician, which the community will be delighted to have.

John Swin is confined to his bed. He has a severe case of influenza.

Mrs. J. T. Hale is enjoying a visit with her uncle from East Texas.

There will be a tree at the school house Christmas Eve. Everybody invited.

Thermometer Down to 18 Degrees.

The thermometer dropped to 18 degrees last night, which is the coldest yet registered during this winter. Yesterday's snow seems to have extended over most of North and West Texas. Dalhart reports 12 inches of snow on level ground.

Cemetery Notice.

All parties owing for cemetery lots and digging of graves will please call at the office of the City Secretary and settle for same as the Cemetery Association. S. H. HALL, City Sec'y.

See The Record for individual New Year cards. Adv. 98-2t

Some good land on the Plains in good locality for good land close to Vernon. This is either sale or trade. Lisman & Son. 98-2tc

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Dan Sumner and Misses Bess and Mary Tom Sumner arrived Sunday morning from San Diego, Calif., to spend the holidays in Vernon.

The Fort Worth Record and The Vernon Record, both one year for \$7.50. Subscribe now. This offer holds good for only a short time. 97-2tc

R. T. MATSON DIED SATURDAY NIGHT

HEAD BOOKKEEPER OF KELL
MILLING COMPANY BURIED
AT HUBBARD CITY.

R. T. Matson, head bookkeeper for the Kell Milling Company, died early Saturday night at his home on South Main street, following a ten days illness with influenza and typhoid pneumonia. The body was shipped Sunday night to Hubbard City, former home of the deceased, and was buried there yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Matson is survived by his wife and two brothers. One brother lives in Fort Worth and the other in Hubbard City. He also leaves an uncle, R. V. Matson of Hubbard City, who raised him.

The remains were accompanied to Hubbard City by Mrs. Matson and her sister, Miss Abbie O'Riley of Taylor and A. C. Rayzor, sales manager of the Kell Milling Company. The mill was closed down Saturday night and did not resume operations until yesterday afternoon, out of respect for the deceased.

Mr. Matson was thirty-five years of age and had lived in Vernon nine years, all of which time he had charge of the accounting for the Kell Milling Company. He was a quiet, unassuming man, but people who knew him held him in the highest esteem. He attended strictly to business and during the entire time he was with the local mill, he never took a vacation, notwithstanding he was repeatedly urged to do so by the management.

In Mr. Matson's death Vernon has lost a valuable citizen, and his untimely demise will be mourned by scores of friends. He will be greatly missed in business circles where he was best known.

Warning.

All persons are warned not to hunt with firearms or dogs, on any of my land. I do not wish to prosecute, but I must have protection from stock being shot, and tearing down and going over my fences. From now on there is but one way, prosecute. Signed: J. G. AYERS. 97-8tc Adv.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—320 acres good mixed sandy land. This is well located. Best of soil. Owners part of 200 acre wheat crop goes with place now. Fairly well improved. Priced right. T. P. Lisman & Son. 98-2tc

INCREASED COTTON DEMAND EXPECTED

RELEASE OF SHIPS AND SHORT-
AGE IN EUROPE TO HAVE
GOOD EFFECT.

The following statement made by Mr. Charles J. Brand, Chairman of the Committee on Cotton Distribution and Chief of the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture, announcing the Committee's action requiring the suspension of speculative "short" selling of cotton on the exchanges, will be of interest to cotton farmers. It will be noted that the Cotton Committee, reflecting the views of the Department of Agriculture as well as of the cotton experts constituting the Committee, confidently expect an increase in volume of exports and consumption of cotton.

"The signing of the armistice brings us suddenly to the threshold of the reconstruction era. Pending developments are of the utmost importance to the entire cotton world.

"The consequences of unfounded rumors that tend to promote vicious speculative activity and cause unjustified demoralization must be avoided as far as possible. In order that harmful violent price fluctuations may be checked the Committee on Cotton Distribution has ordered all speculative short selling on the New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges stopped, and, to make this order thoroughly effective, has required that no selling orders except in liquidation of long contracts be executed from any foreign country.

"The stoppage of sinkings by U-boats, the monthly increase in new ship tonnage and the releasing of ships now engaged in supplying the fleets of the Allies, together with the freeing of space previously used in sending munitions to Europe, will mean a large increase in available tonnage for cotton exports.

"The world's requirements of cotton to meet its increasing demands for clothing will henceforth be on a continuously ascending scale. Based on reports to this committee from the various foreign countries, we estimate their requirements and probable exports of cotton under present conditions to be over two million bales in excess of last season's takings.

"Europe is almost denuded of cotton and cotton goods. The potential buying power of the world which will be

aided and hastened by the establishment of the necessary credits will quickly assert itself."

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES NORMAL.

Postmaster Townsend Says No Difference in Volume Notwithstanding Overseas Packages.

There seems to be no fewer Christmas packages this year than heretofore despite the fact that all overseas packages were handled by the Red Cross and had to be mailed by November 1st, according to statement by Postmaster J. V. Townsend. Mr. Townsend says that it seems impossible to get the patrons to bring their packages in early, most of them being mailed the last two or three days before Christmas.

However, the packages this year are being handled with more expedition than heretofore and Mr. Townsend believes that there will be little or no cause for complaint on account of the packages being delayed. The Postoffice Department at Washington has studied the unsatisfactory conditions heretofore existing on account of the holiday rush, and is sending out instructions as to how the matter should be handled to avoid delay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coleman left Friday to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Parham, in Wichita Falls.

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Miss Oleta Youngblood is at home to spend the holidays. Miss Youngblood has been attending school at Southwestern University at Georgetown.

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Vernon, Texas, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1918.

A UNIVERSAL GOSPEL.

"For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10.

This is the language of the heavenly messengers, more than nineteen hundred years ago, in announcing the birth of Jesus. It is not the purpose of this editorial to discuss the fact of the Annunciation or that the language quoted was merely precedent to the heart of the message that the angels delivered to the Judean shepherds that first Christmas night, that "unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." This was the real message. It was the most startling announcement since the creation. This was the event which the Jews had looked forward to for centuries. It was the fulfillment of the covenants with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was the event toward which and around which all prophecies pointed and centered.

And yet the mere fulfillment of prophecies or the keeping of a covenant could not measure the importance of the Annunciation. What is really vital is, to whom was this most important of all messages addressed? If, as might be inferred from the language, "unto you is born a Savior," it was meant that a deliverer for the Jewish nation had been born, the event would have been only of local importance. If this new-born King was merely to deliver the Jewish nation from bondage, the world would have had little interest in the event. But we get the full portent of the Annunciation from these words: "which shall be to all people."

Here, for the first time, the world is informed of the universal nature of the Gospel. The Annunciation was not for only those who saw and heard the angels speak the message. It was not for the Jews alone. It was for "all people."

In these few words we find the distinguishing characteristic of the Gospel of Christ. Never before had a universal object of worship been proclaimed. Religion had been a national affair, each nation or tribe having its own deity and worshipping in its own peculiar way. But now a Savior for "all people" is born.

In these days when much is said of world democracy, world freedom and world liberty, at this Christmas of 1918, it is well to remember that there is one Savior for all, and as our thoughts go back to the manger of Bethlehem let us rejoice and give thanks because God's first Christmas greeting was to "all people."

WHY SINK GERMAN SHIPS?

Why sink captured German ships? Americans in general have been asking that question since metropolitan papers announced the other day that American delegates to the peace conference would favor this action.

Is there an inherent evil in German ships that makes it necessary to send them to the bottom of the sea? A step toward disarmament, the pacifist replies. But would it not be a step toward disarmament if the guns on these mammoth fighting machines were junked, leaving the ships for other uses?

Likely enough the German dreadnaughts will not give as good account of themselves transferred into freight boats as they would have done in battle; but that would at least be constructive work—and the world needs ships for carrying food, clothing and other products of peace.

Allied nations are discussing Germany's debt to the world in the light of her ability to pay. Surely these battleships and battle cruisers, stripped of their guns, are worth something, and as merchant ships there could be no objection to selling them to the allies upon some equitable basis.

Or if there is no peaceable way to divide German ships among the nations after their guns are junked, surely the ships themselves could be junked more profitably than sinking, and let the price of the junk go toward paying expenses of the peace conference if the money can not be applied to a liquidation of damages suffered by France, Belgium, or Serbia.

It is likely that there has never been a more propitious season in Wilbarger county than this for planting trees. There is sufficient moisture to give the twig a vigorous start, and that means more than half the battle. Plant useful trees, of course, the economist urges—regardless of the fact that all trees are useful. However, some varieties do have a larger degree of usefulness than others. The black walnut will grow into a magnificent tree, provide a supply of delicious nuts, and give shade with its growth, increasing from generation to generation. Many tell us that the pecan will grow vigorously here. By all means, let us continue planting fruit trees every year. A grove for every farm home in the county is a worthy slogan for the man interested in the financial welfare of our country, and no less for the man or woman interested in its attractive home-like farms.

All of Wilbarger will be gratified at the fact that C. S. Smith of Tolbert received the highest price ever paid for a steer on the Fort Worth market—show animals excepted. When a man is paid \$298 for a beef steer it is added evidence that blood pays. Of course, feeding has much to do with the profit realized from cattle, hogs, poultry, or grain farming. It is necessary that intelligent feeding and good breeding go hand in hand to realize the largest profits. Much of the prosperity of Wilbarger county depends upon just this kind of farming.

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Current Comment

First in the Hearts of France.

"Even before America had resolved to intervene in the struggle she had shown to the wounded and the orphans of France a solicitude and a generosity the memory of which will always be enshrined in our hearts."

Poincare of France is speaking; the great War President whose shoulders have sagged for four years under the terrible weight of the desolation of his people is baring the heart of France to America, represented by our President.

"Paris and France had also a passionate desire to offer thanks to, in your person, the great Republic of which you are the chief, for the invaluable assistance which had been given spontaneously during the war to the defenders of right and liberty."

Again Poincare's words—then: "The liberality of your Red Cross, anticipating your military and naval action, had shown the world to which side your sympathies inclined."

The work of the American Red Cross is mentioned first by the President of France in the list of great things for which France is grateful to America. The banner of mercy went before the standard of war; the uniform of ministrations appeared among the wounded and dying before the khaki blazed upon the battlefields.

When our own boys began to appear in the horrible grist of wounded, American hospitals were ready to receive them. In service for the soldiers of France, the Red Cross had prepared for service for the soldiers of America.

America's proud place among the nations today is that of the savior; the binder-up of wounds; feeder of the starving. Much of this world prestige has been brought to us by the Red Cross. Every American is proud of his country now; every American is proud of the Red Cross; every American will in the future be proud because he contributed to the great work.

The Red Cross Christmas Roll Call began yesterday. Let every man,

woman and child in Fort Worth and the Southwest answer "Here!"—Star-Telegram.

LIEUTENANT ABBOTT HOME.

Young Vernon Officer Who Has Been Instructor in Aviation Returns With Discharge.

Lieutenant Roy W. Abbott and wife returned Saturday morning from Eberts Field, Lone Oak, Ark. Lieutenant Abbott received his commission in Air Service at Brooks Field, San Antonio, last August and has been stationed at the Arkansas camp for the last two months as instructor in the Gasport System.

Lieutenant Abbott has an honorable discharge and will resume his duties with the Herring National Bank the first of the year. He is the son of Mrs. J. W. Abbott, while Mrs. Abbott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thompson and baby left yesterday for a visit with Mrs. Thompson's parents at Weatherford, Okla. They will spend the holidays visiting there and at Oklahoma City.

If your copy of the Record does not reach you promptly, or if you are not getting it regularly, please call the Record office, giving your address. Phone 171.

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Herschel Dodson is at home on a ten-day furlough from the Navy. He is in the submarine service and is at present stationed at Philadelphia. Mr. Dodson is wearing two gold service stripes.

DON'T SCOLD, MOTHER! THE CROSS CHILD IS BILIOUS, FEVERISH

Look at Tongue! If Coated, Clean Little Stomach, Liver Bowls.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food pass out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "Fruit Laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup. Adv. 18-1f

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You can't travel on yesterday's steamer or last year's information. The earth takes a fresh turn every 24 hours—so must you. If you stand still you are lagging behind. Where you start to plan or what you start to do means little. It's the habit of progress that lands men at the top."—Herbert Kaufman

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SEVEN WOMEN HAVE PAID POLL TAXES

TAX PAYMENTS ARE COMING IN SLOWLY—BIG RUSH WILL COME NEXT MONTH.

That the act of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature granting women the right to vote in primary elections and nominating conventions does not levy a poll tax on all women of voting age, is the opinion of State Comptroller H. B. Terrell. Comptroller Terrell construes the statute referred to, to mean that women who desire to vote are granted that privilege by paying a poll tax as required of male voters, but if a woman does not desire to participate in primary elections, she does not have to pay a poll tax, and County Assessors are without authority to levy the poll tax against her.

Notwithstanding this ruling of the Comptroller, seven women have paid poll taxes at the County Collector's office. Only 150 male poll tax receipts have been issued, and judging from the rate payments are coming in the number of voters in the county this year will be far below normal. This may be accounted for from the fact that there are no party primaries to be held the coming year.

It is probable, however, that several important elections will be held during 1919. Several constitutional amendments are being urged for submission by the Legislature, including woman suffrage and state-wide prohibition. Women will not be permitted to vote on these questions, however. Their suffrage privilege is limited to participation in party primaries.

The bulk of all taxes are paid in January, and the offices of the City and County Collectors are being prepared for the usual rush during the first month of the year. Taxes become delinquent February 1 and penalties and costs are added. To secure the right to vote persons must pay their poll taxes before that date.

Following is a list of the voting precincts in the county, showing the number of male poll taxes paid in each:

West Vernon	24
East Vernon	21
Highland	8
Oklahoma	5
Harrold	11
Mack	2
Lockett	12
Tolbert	12
Haney	7
Odell	14
Guyer	3
Fargo	14
Elliott	16
Farmers Valley	3

PAYS \$50 FOR THREE CHICKENS.

Local Poultry Fancier Gives Large Price for Rhode Island Red Cockerel and Pullets.

T. A. Berry recently received three chickens from the Mahood Poultry Farm at Webster Grove, Mo., for which he paid \$50. He got one single comb Rhode Island Red and two pullets. The Vernon man expects to raise some prize winners from these fowls.

Mr. Berry is a great believer in thoroughbred chickens. It will be remembered that he has captured many prizes at the county fairs heretofore and at the Panhandle Fair held at Amarillo, with his Plymouth Rocks.

Wright's Condensed Smoke for meat at 75c a bottle at Puckett's. 95-4c Fr.

Red River News.

Red River, Dec. 21.—(By special correspondence.)—There are no new cases of influenza in our community at this writing.

H. N. McDougal and son, Harmon, made a business trip to Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hart spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ginnels of White City.

J. R. Stowe and W. S. Wyatt were transacting business in Odell Monday. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tims, Mrs. Stockton and Mrs. Johnson motored to Vernon Monday.

Miss Theresa Hazard spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Huie of Odell.

Clarence Hite of White City and Edgar West of Odell spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hart of Red River community.

Mrs. H. N. McDougal is very sick. O. A. Tims has put in a phone at his residence this week.

Misses Edith and Beulah Tims, Connie Stockton, Grady Becknell, Grady Bingham, Neal Hamilton and Grayson Tate all went kodaking Sunday evening.

S. E. Hite and son, Robert, were in this community Tuesday on business.

Miss Mary Stowe and Mrs. Ruth Pitts were in Odell Sunday evening.

A party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stowe Saturday night. The following were present:

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tims, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Shaw, Mrs. Greer; Misses Theresa Hazard, Ruth Perry, Eunice Brown, Laura Campbell, Beulah Sheers, Edith and Beulah Tims, Abbie Starr, Jimmie Matley, Maggie Vassey, Connie Stockton and Stella Greer; Messrs. Frank Shaw, Grady Bingham, John Sherrill, Grayson Tate, Grady Becknell, Travis Daniels, Arthur Vassey, Tom Starr, Clyde Brown, Neal Hamilton, Edwin Brown, Claude Brown, Teddie and Freddie Barnes.

Boyd Stowe returned home Thursday from Fort Worth.

There is something like five hundred acres of wheat sowed in our community. It looks fine.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tims and Bob Chatman made a business trip to Vernon Wednesday.

W. D. Stockton made a business trip to Altus, Okla., Wednesday, returning home Friday.

Uncle Tommie Crawford was transacting business in Odell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hart spent Tuesday and Tuesday night with his father, W. G. Hart of Odell.

There is Sunday School at the Red River school house every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

They All Demand It.

Vernon, Like Every City and Town in the Union, Receives It.

People with kidney ills want to be cured. When one suffers the tortures of an aching back, relief is eagerly sought for. There are many remedies today that relieve, but not permanent. Doan's Kidney Pills have brought lasting results to thousands. Here is proof of merit from this vicinity.

R. D. Dunham, Fourth Street, Quanah, Texas, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and found them great for strengthening the kidneys. I got them some months ago and they proved so satisfactory that I gladly recommended them for backaches, lameness across the loins or any kidney ailments." Over three years later, Mr. Dunham said: "I haven't had any trouble with my kidneys since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me."

Price, 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Dunham had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Fargo News.

Fargo, Dec. 21.—(By special correspondence.)—Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Stafford of Vernon were in Fargo Sunday.

Miss Lucile Marr is recovering from the influenza.

Dr. D. T. Jordan, J. L. Crisp, R. A. Talley, George Stafford and G. T. Daniels were business visitors in Vernon last week.

Rev. A. F. Agree filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Members of W. J. McLaughlin's family are sick of influenza.

Mrs. D. L. Lovelace was a business visitor in Vernon Saturday.

The Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday.

H. S. Bridges, Charlie Mason and Lloyd Rhea were in Vernon Friday.

Farmers are busy cutting feed, gathering cotton and killing hogs.

George and Mrs. James Stafford made business trips to Sherwood, Doans and Maple Hill last week.

The Besselman family are recovering from influenza.

W. C. Winslett and son made a business trip to Paducah this week.

Mmes. D. T. Jordan and D. J. Wilhelm were business visitors at Doans last week.

A. H. Hooser has returned to his work at Burkhurst.

F. F. Shearer, Jno. Mason and family, and W. W. Chennault were Vernon visitors last week.

S. M. James was in Vernon Tuesday. White Armstrong returned from Chillicothe Monday.

Tom Swanson marketed cotton in Vernon this week.

Milford Rouse, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Rouse, returned home Friday afternoon from Baylor University at Waco.

Milford is business manager of the Lariat, the weekly student publication at Baylor, which is an unusual honor for a freshman. He began his newspaper work with The Vernon Record.

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Elliott News.

Elliott, Dec. 21.—(By special correspondence.)—Bro. Morgan preached at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Quite a number of Elliott people attended the funeral of Miss Emma King at Harrold Sunday afternoon. The family has the sympathy of the entire community. She was a sweet Christian girl and will be sadly missed by her host of friends.

Max Leudke and family are in bed with the influenza.

Miss Pearl Raines has returned home, after staying in Vernon for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hutchins visited in Electra Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Messrs. Charley Clinch and Almo Lemons and families, Misses Mildred Bowus and Lena Stephens were shopping in Vernon last Saturday.

The little five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, who has been seriously ill for several days, is reported to be some better.

There are several new cases of influenza reported around Elliott. C. B. Mason has a number of cases at his house.

Prices right on salt peter. Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-4c

RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS.

Oren R. Key First of Vernon Boys Home From Overseas After Four and Half Months Active Service.

Oren R. Key, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Key, is the first Vernon boy to return with a gold service stripe and an honorable discharge from the army. Young Key arrived in Vernon Friday.

Oren was a mechanic in the Air Service and has been located at Dover, England, right on the banks of the English Channel. He went overseas some six or eight months ago and has seen about four and a half months of what is termed "actual service." The main duty of his squadron has been to patrol the Channel on the lookout for German submarines.

The returned soldier says that there are many historical buildings and grounds around Dover. Their barracks were only three hundred yards from the famous Dover Castle, one of the most ancient buildings in the world. This castle is said to have been built some hundreds of years B. C. and has many very ancient dates in it. The last bit of repairing done on the building was in A. D. 1,100, when the roof was repaired.

With the exception of a few squadrons who are being held to assist in the guard duty and occupation, all of the

Air Service men are being returned from overseas and discharged as soon as they land on this side, according to young Key. The bunch who were discharged with him sailed from England soon after the armistice was signed, landing about the first of December.

Ensign Leon Brown has returned to his home in Mangum, Okla., after a few days visit with friends in Vernon. Ensign Brown is on a furlough from Boston where his ship is stationed at present. He is the son of the late Judge G. A. Brown of Mangum, Okla., who formerly lived in Vernon.

Miss Lena Gilbert returned from T. C. U. Friday to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. J. Dale left for Chillicothe yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother-in-law, Mrs. S. C. Dale, before going to Paris to join her husband who has a position with the Paige Motor Company.

Leland Abbott has resumed his duties with the Vernon Cotton Oil Company. He recently received his honorable discharge from the S. A. T. C. at University of Texas.

SAFE, GENTLE REMEDY BRINGS SURE RELIEF

For 200 years GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil has enabled suffering humanity to withstand attacks of kidney, liver, bladder and stomach troubles and all diseases connected with the urinary organs and to build up and preserve health organs. These most important organs, because they are the blood, unless they do their work you are doomed. Weariness, sleeplessness, nervousness, despondency, backache, stomach trouble, pains in the loins and lower abdomen, gravel, difficulty when urinating, rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago all warn you of trouble with your kidneys. GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules.

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BAKERY GOODS of All Kinds

The most wholesome bread, the daintiest cakes and the most delicious pies are baked fresh daily at this Sanitary Home Bakery. And we are now able to use all wheat flour in our products. So, drop in today and take home with you products of the baking art that will add zest and pleasure to any meal.

Our fresh candies and big juicy apples, oranges, and nuts will delight the kiddies for Christmas.

The City Bakery

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Have You Tried Our Charming Toilet Preparations?

We have the greatest variety of perfumes, toilet waters and complexion powders ever gathered together in this town. Every one has a preference for some special brand. We are here to please and that's why we have all good brands.

Toilet articles make a most welcome Christmas Gift for "Her."

We also have an exquisite line of Christmas Stationery; a nice line of Pipes, Flash Lights and Card Cases—all of these make appreciated Christmas gifts.

Phone If You Can't Come.

T. M. FERGESON DRUG COMPANY

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A REAL HAPPY NEW YEAR

A year of Peace and Joy and Happiness--- a year of Prosperity and Abundance.

A blissful year of joyous Reunions "when the boys come home."

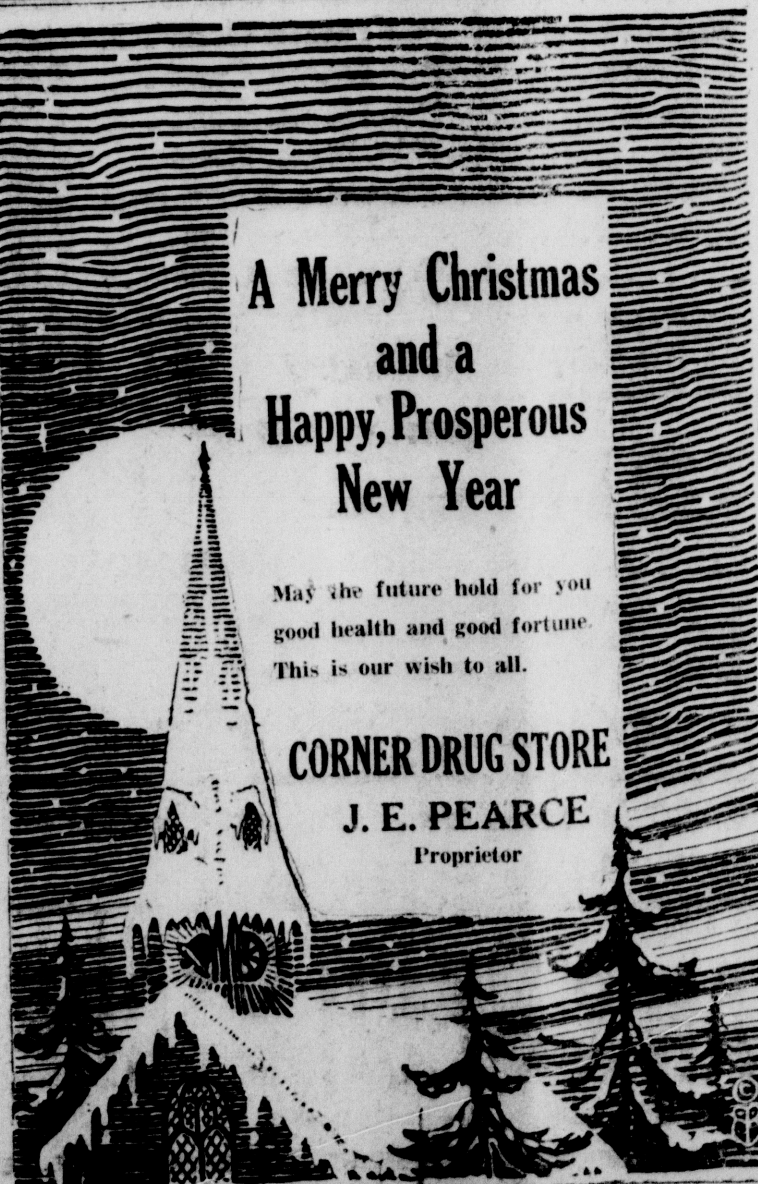
THIS IS OUR WISH FOR ALL

Perkins-Timberlake Co.
ASSOCIATED STORES

A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

May the future hold for you good health and good fortune. This is our wish to all.

CORNER DRUG STORE
J. E. PEARCE
Proprietor



ANTI-SPITTING LAW IS BEING OBSERVED

MAYOR MASON PLEASSED WITH CO-OPERATION TO STOP IN- FLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

"We have not had a 'spitter,'" said Secretary Hall, when asked if the anti-spitting law was being observed. The fact that no one has yet been fined for spitting on the sidewalk shows that the people as a whole are co-operating with the city authorities in their effort to check the influenza epidemic and Mayor Mason is highly pleased with the way the law has been observed.

The mayor advises that there will be no laxity in the enforcement of this precaution and if the city officers deem it necessary to arrest a person for the violation of the anti-spitting law, he intends to enter up the fine, regardless of who the offender may be.

The inclemency of the weather has interfered with the plans of the officials to inspect the residence section to see that the order to "clean up" has been carried out.

"I hope, however," said Mr. Mason, "that the people will not relax their efforts to clean up simply because we have not been able to get around to inspect. We expect them to get to work as soon as the weather will permit and we expect to come around to see that they have been at work."

Last Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to the business section of the town. The object of the inspection was to see that the alleys had been cleaned and lime used unsparingly. It was planned to inspect the residence section Friday and Saturday, but owing to the rain this was deferred.

Physicians report that the influenza situation has improved greatly. The number of new cases has decreased considerably. It is urged by the doctors and the city authorities that there will be no relaxation in efforts to check the epidemic. "We are seeing the results of our efforts. Let's not only hold what we have but continue to gain," is the advice of the doctors.

Resolutions.

1. We the committee appointed by Vernon Lodge No. 323, I. O. O. F., to draft resolutions regarding our deceased brother, C. E. Capps, submit the following:

2. Whereas, on the 9th day of December, 1918, Brother Capps was called from his earthly career; we have lost from this life one of our best and most useful citizens and from our great order one of our brightest members; one who showed a keen interest in all our work and practiced its grand principles.

3. Therefore, it is resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with his widow and children in their grief and in the loss of a true and beloved husband and father.

4. It is further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Capps and one to the Vernon Record, and that same be written into the minutes of our lodge.

G. W. BACKUS,
I. L. BRYANT,
A. A. DOAK, Committee.

A 50-year gift—Community Silver—open stock. Herring-Bennett. Adv. 97-2tc.

Doans News.

Doans, Dec. 20.—(By special correspondence.)—Miss Winnie Owen visited Miss Hazel Thompson Saturday night and Sunday.

J. A. O'Neal returned last week from a business trip to Dallas.

Miss Lela Cannon came in from Clarendon Wednesday to visit with friends and relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal T. Macey are the parents of a baby girl, born Thursday 12th.

Miss Vivian Lacey spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks in Tolbert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stroud of Odell spent Friday with Mr. and J. S. Rowland.

Little Sarah Lou Johnston returned to Vernon Monday with her father, R. J. Johnston.

Miss Laura Owen is spending the week with Miss May Crisp of Fargo.

Clelie Austin is at home after a visit to Wellington.

Dewey Drake of Vernon is visiting Alter Richardson this week.

The Board of Trustees set the date for the compulsory school law to take effect here Monday, December 17th.

Help Wanted—Apply to the Empire Laundry. Adv. 97-2tc

Guy Pettit of Call Field spent the week end visiting with his parents and friends in the city.

Help Wanted—Apply to the Empire Laundry. Adv. 97-2tc

John Jackson of Chillicothe was in Vernon on business Saturday.

Make our store your store. Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-4tc

Duffy Jeffcoat returned Friday from Camp Travis bearing an honorable discharge.

T. J. McGill is at home from Southern Methodist University to spend the holidays.

Choice sweet milk 15 cents a quart after today, delivered. Phone 57. R. A. Gilliland. Adv. 97-3tc

A. P. Mason of Wichita Falls was in Vernon Sunday. Mr. Mason is connected with the oil interests of Wichita county.

Charley Berry of the School of Fire at Fort Sill, Okla., is at home to spend the holidays with his father, T. A. Berry. He is on furlough.

We are not trying to compete with Woolworth but there is good value in any article sold at our store. Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-4tc

Latham Walker, living nine miles north of Vernon, returned Friday from Camp Travis. He has been honorably discharged from the army.

J. T. Cabe returned Friday morning from Wichita Falls, and will be in Vernon until after the Christmas holidays.

W. R. Martin has returned from Olney, Okla., where he has been visiting his son, Burrell Martin. He will make his home for a time with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Swinburn. Mrs. Swinburn is a daughter of Mr. Martin.

OVER TOP SEVERAL TIMES.

Corporal Frank Terrell Writes Cousin at Rayland He Was in Some Hard Fighting.

Miss Dara Young of Rayland is in receipt of a letter from her cousin, Corporal Frank Terrell, of Company H, 144th Infantry. Corporal Terrell lived in the Rayland community two years, and has many relatives in Wilbarger County.

"I am getting alone fine," Corporal Terrell writes. "Don't have much time to write. I have been over the top several times, but always get through without a scratch. However, I have been in some terribly close places. It isn't a very pleasant feeling to have bullets whistling around you so thick you can't open your mouth for fear you will swallow one, and the big shells bursting all around you every little bit."

"But the Germans were no match for us, as we had them on the run like rabbits before we had been in the scrap very long. I felt like I was equal to a dozen of them, as I was armed with an automatic rifle that shoots 500 times a minute."

"We have gone through with some awful hardships, such as doing without food and water, and laying out in the cold rain and mud. We were expecting it all, however, so we came out feeling good, and our casualties are very light. The Y. M. C. A. gave us a big show yesterday and I saw the first American girl since my arrival in France. The French girls don't look good to me, although they are nice to the American soldiers. The influenza has been light with us."

Buy sensible gifts—stoves, ranges, heaters, electric irons, aluminum, etc. Herring-Bennett. Adv. 97-2tc

Aubrey Green has returned from T. C. U. to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Green.

Air rifles, skates, tool sets, many things that interest the boys. Herring-Bennett. Adv. 97-2tc

M. E. Hardison left Sunday for Jackson, Miss. In response to a message informing him of the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Flossie Snuggs.

Why not let your gift to the family be the beginning of a new home; make the first payment and arrange the balance on easy terms. When you have paid the required amount you can build your home as you want it. Herring-Bennett Lumber Co. Adv. 97-2tc

E. L. WITTY & CO.

We Write All Kinds of Insurance
Fire, Tornado, Hail, Plate Glass
and Bonds.

Farm Insurance a Specialty.
Office: Hotel Vernon Bldg. Phone 409

THALIA BOY OVERSEAS DIES.

Private William H. Mints Succumbs to Bronchial Pneumonia Contracted While on Ship.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mints of Thalia are in receipt of a letter from their son, Private R. J. Mints, dated November 26, advising of the death of another son, Private William H. Mints, on October 7 of bronchial pneumonia. He was taken sick on the way overseas and died at the landing. Deceased was twenty-seven years old.

"I did not get to see my brother," the letter states, "after we got off the boat, but I went to his grave. It certainly is a nice place and well kept. I am very well satisfied, considering that I am so far from home and being without William."

Mr. and Mrs. Mints have another son in the service of his country, Private John L. Mints, who is now at Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla.

Card of Thanks.

Feeling a deep debt of gratitude due the many friends of my late daughter-in-law, Mrs. Georgia Dykes, for their many labors of love in her behalf, I heartily assure all concerned of my appreciation of the same and tender the combined thanks of those who mourn, together with those of yours, affectionately.

MRS. M. R. BRADLEY,
1010 Park Ave. Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Fred A. McFarland of Amarillo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blanton.

Soups You Relish

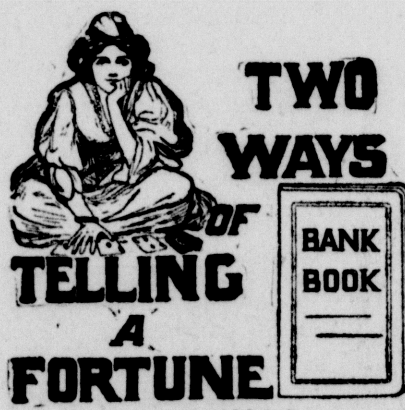
The prime housewife appreciates our soups—she knows that they are always the same in quality, quantity and purity; and that the ingredients used are carefully prepared. Buy the soups labelled—

RENOVN
GRAND

Our trade-mark "Renown" is your guarantee. Bring contents of can to boiling point and add a can of boiling water—then serve. One can makes six plates.



BORN-STEWARD Company, Dallas



A BANK ACCOUNT

Is the sure way. Why hazard or guess when you can be sure. No great fortune has ever been without a bank account and certainly no small one was ever accumulated without a passbook. START your bank account TODAY. A passbook issued for \$1.00 or more.

The Bank of Odell

ODELL, TEXAS

With the renewed confidence we can now have in the future, we are glad to acknowledge the spirit of Christmas that made these things possible.

We wish our friends and customers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Farmers State Bank

ODELL, TEXAS

J. P. HAMILTON, Pres. R. N. COFFEY, Cashier
J. B. ROSS, Asst. Cashier.

R. D. Hockersmith Is Home.

H. D. Hockersmith arrived Friday morning from Washington where he has been in government service in connection with the War Risk Bureau. Mr. Hockersmith has not left the government service but is with the investigation section of the Bureau and as special field examiner, will look after allotments, insurance and compensations in Texas and Oklahoma. He will leave soon for Dallas where he will be stationed for a few weeks before he goes to Oklahoma to take up work there. Miss Grace Hockersmith, who has also been employed in the War Risk Bureau, accompanied her father home.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First Guaranty State Bank in the directors' rooms Tuesday, January 7, 1919.

A. H. MURCHISON, Cashier.

H. H. Anderson of the City Bakery was in Childress on business yesterday.

Help Wanted—Apply to the Empire Laundry. Adv. 97-2tc

CHICHESTER PILLS

DIAMOND BRAND
Beware of Counterfeits. Refuse all Substitutes.
LADIES! Ask your Druggist for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. TAKE NO OTHER. Buy of your Druggist and ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for twenty-five years regarded as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS. TIME TRIED EVERYWHERE WORTH TESTED

We refer you to our ad in which we offer you suggestions for appropriate gifts. Herring-Bennett. Adv. 97-2tc

Arthur Yaeger was up from Call Field Sunday visiting with friends in this city.

A Merry Christmas

Christmas, this year, has a deeper significance than ever before. It means the subjugation of self for the benefit of your fellow man.

We appreciate the business our friends are giving us, and solicit a continuance of your favors for the New Year.

BARGDOLL & STANLEY
Phone 82

5 DAYS SALE

OUR BIGGEST SALE. THURS., FRI., SAT., MON., TUES.
Will Invoice Jan. 1, Help Reduce Our Stock

WHITE LOAF FLOUR

WONDERFULLY GOOD, REMARKABLY CHEAP, FULLY WARRANTED
Sack \$2.75 - Hundred \$5.50

OUR LAST SALE AT THIS PRICE—BUY NOW.

Read These Prices

25 POUND SACK KILN DRIED WHITE CORN MEAL	\$1.00
FANCY POTATOES, Peck	.40—Per Bushel
GALLON APRICOTS, Each	.65—Per Dozen Cans
NO. 3 HOMINY, Per Dozen	1.50—Per Case, 2 Doz. cans
GALLON CATSUP, Each	.90—Half Dozen Cans
PINTO PORK & BEANS	.10—Per Dozen Cans
RED VELVA SYRUP	.95—Per Case, 6 Cans
GREEN VELVA SYRUP	1.05—Per Case, 6 Cans
RED BEANS, Small Cans	.10—Per Dozen Cans
SUPREME PINEAPPLE, 2 cans	.45—Per Dozen Cans
NO. 2 PIE PEACHES, 2 Cans	.25—Per Dozen Cans
PINK SALMON, Per Can	.20—Per Dozen Cans
FERNBROOK CORN, Dozen	1.65—Per Case, 2 doz. cans
QUAKER OATS, Package	.30—Per Dozen Pkgs
NO. 2 KRAUT, 2 Cans	.25—Per Dozen Cans

COMPARE ABOVE PRICES WITH YOUR LAST BILL

Mexican Coffee

PRICE WILL ADVANCE TO 3 LBS. FOR \$1, JANUARY 1ST

3 1-2 Lbs. For \$1.00

NO BETTER ON THIS MARKET—TRY IT ONCE.

No grocery orders under \$5.00 delivered free. Drayage charged on feed. We invite price comparison.

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With the joy of Victory to thrill us, the blessings of Peace to gladden us, and the wonderful example of "our boys" to guide us, the joys of Christmas and New Year should be manifold.

We wish each one of you a full share of Christmas and New Year's happiness.

Brunson & Williams

NIGHT MESSAGES LOWER JANUARY 1

LOCAL TELEGRAPH MANAGER
SAYS WILL NOT EFFECT
BUSINESS HERE.

The new schedule effective on night messages effective January 1 will not effect business in Vernon, according to W. Nippert, local manager of the Western Union. There is no reduction on night letters, and this is the most popular form of message in Vernon.

The order for reduction in 'night messages follows:

"Where day rate is 25c for ten words and 2c for each additional word, night message rate is reduced from 25c and 1c to 20c and 1c.

"Where day rate is 20c and 2c, night message rate of 25c and 1c is unchanged.

"Where day rate is 35c and 2c, night message rate of 25c and 1c is unchanged.

"Where day rate is 40c and 3c, night message rate of 30c and 2c is reduced to 30c and 1c.

"Where day rate is 50c and 3c, night message rate of 40c and 3c is reduced to 35c and 1c.

"Where day rate is 60c and 4c, night message rate of 50c and 3c is reduced to 40c and 1c.

"Where day rate is 75c and 5c, night message rate of 60c and 4c is reduced to 45c and 2c.

"Where day rate is \$1 and 7c, night message rate of 50c and 2c is established.

"The conditions of this service are the same as before except that delivery by postoffice carriers is provided for. The night message service will therefore, from the date mentioned be identical with our night letter service except with respect of the count and the admissibility of code language in night messages while it is excluded from night letters.

"The night message rates merge into night letter rates at from 15 to 35 words, averaging about 25 words, according to the particular rate zone involved. When night messages contain code language they will of course be counted and charged for on a night message basis throughout, regardless of their length; but when they are written in plain language throughout, the conditions of the service being identical, they will naturally be charged for at the cheapest rate, according to their length."

Let us show you an electric heater that is a real success and costs only 6 cents an hour to use. Herring-Bennett. 97-24c Adv.

FOR SALE

Livestock and Poultry.

FOR SALE—One thorough bred Duroc Jersey boar, weight about 225 pounds. Registration papers furnished. Will sell at bargain if taken at once. Can be seen at my home, 1527 West Wilbarger street. A. J. Robinson. 98-24c

FOR SALE—A good milk cow with young calf. See Mrs. J. W. Abbott, 11c LOST—A boy's brown overcoat. \$1 reward for return to Reed Smith's tailor shop. 11c

FOR SALE—50 fine B. P. Rock Pullets, 150, 3 roosters one year \$5 each, from first prize pen at State Fair. Shipped with approval. The Knowles Hatchery, Arlington, Texas. 97-14p

DUROC-JERSEY male pigs, 2 1-2 months old, from registered stock of the best herds in the state; \$10 each for next ten days. J. N. Denny. 96-34p

Miscellaneous.

MAIZE—About 25 tons of good maize heads for sale on D. H. Henry's farm 12 miles northwest of Vernon. Aron Phillips. 96-34p

SPECIAL NOTICE.

POSTED NOTICE—The public is hereby warned not to trespass on the J. H. Watts farm. No hunting is allowed. Visitors will be prosecuted. 91-19c

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Four-room bungalow on South Main Street. Call 494. 11c

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Service Car Anywhere.
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The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

URGES TEXAS WOMEN TO HELP COLLECT PLEDGES



Mrs. Wm. A. Sunday

Mrs. Wm. A. (Ma) Sunday.

The women of Texas are urged by Mrs. William ("Billy") A. Sunday to "get into the game" from now until December 31 and assist the Government in their communities in the collection of War Savings Stamp pledges which are now due. Mrs. Sunday asks every Texas woman to give her time and thought to this work "that your boy and my boy may have the tickets home which paid War Savings Stamp Pledges mean to them."

To Texas women, Mrs. Sunday, wife of Rev. "Billy" Sunday who is now preaching in Fort Worth, says:

"The big fight has been won and I know, women of Texas, you rejoice that your brave Texas fighting lads are no longer in danger on the battle line. They have done their duty gloriously; but, mothers and wives and sweethearts of Texas men, we over here have not done our duty until we have discharged that solemn obligation we made to invest in United States Government War Savings Stamps. I have bought the limit."

"The end of this wonderful 1918 campaign of saving and lending these savings to our Government is near. The boys—your boys, the United States—your country, are waiting to see what you have done. See to it, I would ask you, that every War Savings Stamp Pledge in your community or town is paid by Christmas. During these last few days of December won't you give your time and thought to this great work?"

"Paid War Savings Stamp Pledges are tickets home for your boy and my

boy. You have done great things, women of Texas, and from now until the end of the year will you not make of this War Savings Campaign the success which you can make of it by your help?"

The Government has issued its official proclamation calling for the payment of War Savings Stamp Pledges. The last day of grace is December 31.

Dr. J. G. Sherman
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Phone 163

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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
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I AM NOW BOOKING EGGS FOR
MARCH AND APRIL.

delivery from my 200-egg strain Buff Orpingtons, also my Sheppard strain Anconas at \$3 per 15. Write or phone me. Business phone 38, residence phone 458, 93-84c.

ADAM DONGES.

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Physician and Surgeon
Fargo, Texas

All calls answered promptly day or night. All obstetrical work cash.



AN ELECTRIC GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

will solve the perplexing problem. Electric tableware and electric household helps will give, surely, the happiness which you can only hope for in a less useful gift.

Come and select the gift you have delayed buying. Our display includes Grills, Percolators, Toasters, Irons, Vibrators, Curling Irons, Sewing Machines and Sew E-Z Motors, Vacuum Cleaners, Washing Machines, and a host of other electrical comforts and conveniences.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

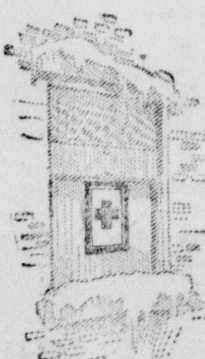
"Your Electric Servant"

Texas Public Service Co.



Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness that America must not forget—there is misery and distress and sickness all over the world. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.



Put your
flag in
your window

Join the Red Cross
—all you need is a heart and a dollar



Wear your
Button

Will you be wear-
ing your member-
ship button when
the boys come
home?

Join

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Membership Drive Continues All This Week.

A Joyful Christmas

With Victory Won and the example of "our boys" to hearten us, the people and the Nation can look toward the future with confidence—we should all acknowledge the spirit of Christmas that made these things possible.

A Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers.

Swartwood & Company

To Our Friends and Patrons

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year of 1919.

School will re-open Monday,
December 30th.

HOLCOMB TRAINING SCHOOL

VERNON, TEXAS

Get the Best Blood

I am offering three boars and one gilt out of the litter mate of the Champion High Orion and Ed Kern's famous sow. Do you know a litter of High Orion's pigs sold for the highest price on record—\$8,665—for one litter! A litter from Ed Kern's sow won Junior Championship in both Boar and Sow class and Junior Young Herd.

Hogs at Bargain Prices

There are no better hogs in America. I expect to ask \$500 each for boars out of this sow next spring—but am offering those I have now at BARGAIN PRICES. See me at once.

DANIEL BOND, Proprietor

Vernon Duroc-Jersey Farm.

Memories

As you grow older you find your thoughts turning more to the past; an ever increasing part is played in your life by memories.

A subtle perfume perhaps; what memories it can bring! Or the first hint of coldness in the morning air late in summer; how it brings back autumn days long past!

But it is in music the richest memories lie. Melodies of the past; how they thrill you, how they bring back scenes you had thought were gone forever! Happy times of long ago you will live over again. And perhaps there is a melody of which you are just a little bit afraid. But you want to hear it; you want the sweet sadness it brings.

All the memories that music has stored up for you.

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

will give in all the rich warmth and with the thrill of reality. It will play for you in the summer twilight; its music will mingle with the sighing wind on long winter evenings. It will make you merry, or sad; it is ever ready to serve and tireless in its service.

Visit our store and hear the melodies you have learned to love.

B. & W. DRUG COMPANY

Mrs. J. H. Jensen has been suffering with a severe case of influenza for the past week.

Wright's Condensed Smokes for meat at 75c a bottle at Puckett's. 95-4tc Fr.

Jewelry sold under guarantee. Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-4tc

Call and see our line of jewelry. Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-4tc

If your copy of the Record does not reach you promptly, or if you are not getting it regularly, please call the Record office, giving your address. Phone 171.

BOARD OF HEALTH URGES INFLUENZA PREVENTION RULES

Dr. A. P. Howard Advised 6,000 Deaths Resulted From Epidemic and Pneumonia During October—Isolation, Disinfection, Personal Hygiene and Sanitation Urged.

Dr. A. P. Howard is in receipt of advice from the State Board of Health that there were 6,000 deaths in Texas during October as a result of influenza and pneumonia. A hundred and twenty-eight thousand cases of the disease were reported. Isolation, disinfection, personal hygiene and sanitation are urged.

In regard to the epidemic of influenza and methods for its prevention the State Board of Health says:

"The first epidemic wave subsided and there was a general relaxation of precautions and return to normal commercial relations. Scientific investigators have not been able to find the specific cause of the disease, which plainly showed itself to be very contagious (catching), nor have they been able to suggest any specific remedy for its prevention or cure. General preventative measures of isolation, quarantine, disinfection, and improvement of hygienic and sanitary conditions have proven effective in the control of its spread. Until more certain data for the prevention and cure of this disease is brought to light, the State Board of Health desires to impress the following measures upon the general public:

"The disease seems to enter the body through the respiratory system, and any conditions giving rise to common colds; such as cold, damp, and changeable weather, has given renewed impetus to the subsiding waves. One attack may not insure protection against another, and the mildest cases may be followed by the most severe complications; or may be the source of the most severe contagion to others.

Keep Room Well Ventilated.

"Individual isolation of each case, apart from immediate associates and the general public is difficult to obtain in other than a relative sense, but should be carried out as far as practicable. Rest in bed, in a well ventilated, warmed room, special care to keeping the alimentary tract clean, and not overloading at any time with undigestible foods, until all traces of the disease has disappeared not only safeguards the person sick from grave complications, but prevents spreading of the cause of the disease.

"Disinfection of all articles coming from the sick room, which may have come in contact with any excretion from the sick person, is not difficult and will give certain results. Boil the linen, dishes, and other articles coming from the sick room. Keep your hands washed in the disinfecting solution recommended to you by your attending physician; and don't allow the sick person to breathe into your face. Burn all sweepings collected with precautions of dampened brooms and dust cloths. Don't use common drinking cups, and the common roller towels.

"Quarantine is effective to the degree to which public opinion indorses it in recognition of its necessity. It is too well known that persons recovering from this ailment will drag themselves out to attend to more or less important affairs. They exhale, cough, and sneeze the poison as innocently as they thoughtlessly scatter the cause of death.

Gauze Mask Recommended.

For this reason it has been thought best to wear gauze face masks, close schools, and prohibit congregation of persons in large gatherings for whatever purpose. Whether scientific or good business, it is sound common sense, in the light of our knowledge of the grave possible results which may follow. During the Christmas holidays special warnings against gatherings and over-crowding is brought to your notice.

"Warm clothing, wholesome, nourishing food, body cleanliness, plenty of open air and invigorating exercise will tend to fortify the general resistance of the individual to either ward off or weather the attack. Keep the feet warm and dry, avoid drafts and sudden changes from warm rooms to the colder outer air. Care for the teeth and nails. Cough and sneeze into your handkerchief, and see that people do not breathe directly into your face. Help the authorities enforce the regulations against spitting in public places. Avoid sure cures, patent medicines, and self-treatment. If an employee is sick send him home and see that he gets a doctor, and is free from all traces of the disease before being allowed to return to work. He may infect not only your other helpers, but possibly many of your customers.

Use Disinfectants Freely.

"Keep down street dust. See that public buildings and carriers in your community are kept clean, and the floors mopped with disinfecting solu-

Protect Your Car From Freezing

NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE STEPS TO KEEP YOUR CAR FROM FREEZING DURING THE COMING WINTER. WE HAVE LAID IN A COMPLETE STOCK OF "FREEZE-PROOF," AND WHEN PROPERLY USED IT WILL KEEP YOUR CAR FROM FREEZING IN ANY KIND OF WEATHER. IT IS GUARANTEED NOT TO INJURE YOUR CAR IN ANY WAY. USED SUCCESSFULLY IN MORE THAN 200,000 CARS LAST YEAR. BRING YOUR CAR AROUND AND WE WILL PREPARE AND PUT IN THE FREEZE-PROOF AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Ford Cars	- - -	\$2.00
Maxwell, Dodge, Chevrolet		\$3.00
All Other Cars	- - -	\$4.00

IN ORDER TO BE CERTAIN THAT THIS MIXTURE WILL DO THE WORK IT IS NECESSARY TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS:

See that your radiator does not leak; in case it leaks, the holes must be soldered. Put on new radiator hose, top and bottom. See that water pump does not leak. If these directions are carried out this preparation is absolutely guaranteed. If you had any complaint last year regarding Freeze-Proof, it was because you did not carry out directions.

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tions. Keep away from drink stands and cafes, where sterilization of glassware, etc., is not carried out. Keep out of places not properly ventilated with at least a 100 square feet of floor space to the occupant, and plenty of well ventilated, fresh, warm air for each individual. Demand that trash, sweepings, and refuse from stores and public buildings be burned or placed in covered cans, not piled out in front in the street.

"In most cases the person taken with influenza feels sick rather suddenly. The patient feels weak, has pains in the eyes, back and aches all over. Some feel dizzy; others vomit, have chilly sensations, fever, and think they are taking cold. This is the time to go home and go to bed, before the disease gets beyond control.

"Drop business worries, as you will need repose and nervous energy. Remember that a mild attack may progress into very severe complications. If you get out and catch cold, or even exert yourself before you are entirely free from the disease, you not only are very apt to have a return of the symptoms in a more severe and aggravated form, but you are guilty of criminal negligence or ignorance in not giving your neighbor a square deal. Not only send for your doctor and do what he tells you, but keep it up until he pronounces you well and no further a danger to the community.

"These few simple rules will give results, regardless of what contagious disease may be epidemic. Unless they are carried out right now by the individual, the section, community and State at large the future can only be judged by the past, which has shown that the loss of public health control means suffering, death, and paralysis of business."

A nice line of Jewelry at Corner Drug Store. Adv. 95-4tc

Ellis Martin has arrived from Camp Travis with an honorable discharge. He has been in the hospital during a large part of his career as a soldier and says that Vernon looks good to him.

Why not buy the boy an Erector set, \$1.00 to \$5.00. Let him cultivate mechanical ideas. Herring-Bennett, 236. Adv. 97-2tc

Lee Pope has returned home from Texas Christian University, where he was enrolled in the Students Army Training Corps. He spent Sunday of last week with his mother in Quanah. Mr. Pope will not return after the Christmas vacation to T. C. U. He is with Dixon Dry Goods Company.

Notice—We have decided to continue our aluminum sale until the close of business on Christmas Eve, thus giving our friends the advantage of a big reduction. Herring-Bennett, Adv. 97-2tc

Help Wanted—Apply to the Empire Laundry. Adv. 97-2tc

John Lutz is at home from Boonville, Mo., where he has been attending Kemper Military Academy. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Salter have returned from Helena, Okla., where they went to be at the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Byron Smith, who was quite sick with the influenza. Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Smith is much better.

We Buy Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs and Hides

Bring us your Scrap Iron, Rags, Bones and Metals of all Kinds.

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When the Boys Come Home Be Ready to Greet Them With a Home That Reflects Your Welcome.

Hundreds of homes are looking forward to that day when the "Boys Come Home."

It will be a glorious occasion because of the victory behind them.

Our boys will come with their hearts filled with eager anticipation of home comforts, therefore it behooves us all to make ready for that eventful occasion.

You will find all of these comforts at Youngblood's, and they can be had for a small amount of money. Why should you wait when the goods are here for you? We have the largest stock in this part of the state to select from.

You are cordially invited to look through before you buy. You can find what you want at the price you wish to pay.

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The Glad Tidings That Christmas Brings is Again About to Be Realized

We have passed through the most momentous year in the history of our great country—a year of bloodshed that brought sorrow to the hearts of thousands of our American people. The world has been made safe for Democracy, and we stand today an unconquered nation—the greatest nation on the face of the globe, and at this Christmas time, when peace again reigns in our Land of Liberty, and the entire world, it behooves all of us to make this Christmas one of glad tidings.

It has been our pleasure for the past few years to greet the people of Vernon and surrounding country at Christmas time and to wish you one and all a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS and we are thankful indeed, that we are able to do so again this year.

To our friends and patrons: We wish to thank you for your loyal support during the past year. We have tried to make this store serve your best interests at all times. If we have failed in any part of our service, we ask that you overlook same, and we promise to bend our energies toward making our service better during the year 1919.

As surely as ambition is the keynote to success, so we will enter into the new year with renewed energy and a firm determination to give to the people of Vernon and surrounding country a Dry Goods and Clothing Store that will meet with their approval. We are anxious to serve you at all times.

We wish you health and happiness during the years to come, and trust 1919 will be the most prosperous year of your existence.

